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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation:  
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 18, 2006, Steve Mowery, Gene DeJordy, and Denise Collins, all with Alltel Communications, and Lila Jaber, Of Counsel, Akerman Senterfitt, met with Lisa Edgar, Chair of the Florida Public Service Commission and Federal-State Universal Service Joint Board Member, and Roberta Bass, staff of the Florida Public Service Commission, to discuss universal service reform proposals pending before the Joint Board.

At this meeting, the matters discussed were: the universal service funding reform proposals, including auctions; wireless carriers' use of universal service support furthers the goals of universal service in rural areas; the higher costs wireless carriers incur to serve rural areas; and a funding mechanism based upon an efficient carrier's cost of service, portability of support, and accountability. There were no written materials distributed.

Respectfully submitted,

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